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Industrialisation of Tamil Nadu

3275. SHRI C. K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have categorised the various districts of Tamil Nadu in respect of Industrialisation;

(b) if so, the criteria of categorisation; and

(c) whether Coimbatore has been categorised as an advanced district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF . P. J. KURIEN): (a) The following districts of Tamil Nadu have been identified as industrially backward:-

1.	Dharmapuri
2.	Kanyakumari
3.	Madurai
4.	North Arcot
5.	Ramanathapuram
6.	South Arcot
7.	Thanjavur
8.	Tiruchirapalli
9.	Pudukkottai

(b) The criteria for declaring a district as industrially backward were:-

1. Per capita food grains/commercial crops production depending on whether the district is predominantly a producer of food grains/cash crops (for Inter-district comparisons conversion rates between foodgrains and commercial crops may be determined by the State Government on a predetermined basis where necessary).
2. Ratio of population to agricultural workers.
3. Per capita industrial output.
4. Number of factory employees per lakh of population or alternatively number of persons engaged in secondary and tertiary activities per lakh of population.
5. Per Capita consumption of electricity.
6. Length of surfaced roads in relation to population or railway mileage in relation to population.

(c) Coimbatore has not been declared as an industrially backward district.

Decontrol of Inter State Movement of Foodgrains

3276. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any co-relation between Civil Supplies and Public Distribution among the Food grains surplus states and non-surplus states;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reduce subsidy amount offered to the States in view of the present financial crisis; and

(c) whether the Government propose to decontrol inter-state movement of food grains from surplus states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The foodgrains procured by